

chapterletter

Newsletter of the Boston Society of Architects
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East Cambridge Savings Bank

Steve Rosenthal Photo

Harleston Parker Medal

At the Annual Meeting on November 14 the Society voted to approve the recommendation of the Harleston Parker Medal Committee and so name the East Cambridge Savings Bank renovation and addition by Charles G. Hilgenhurst & Associates as this year's recipient.

"This design is a successful combination of old and new buildings. This is an addition which is neither just a repetition of old forms used in the existing building, nor a radically contrasting statement. Rather, both approaches have been interpreted in a unique way that respects the line of the original facade and the street's edge. The open landscape area with the two story glass wall behind it are successfully played against the more closed and massive character of the original facade, achieving an openness of expression. Although there was some feeling that the interior treatment might have been more completely developed, there was general agreement that the building has a brilliant concept, whose originality rests on a liberal reuse of the original forms."

President Clancy Reports Annual Meeting

The 1978-1979 year has been a successful year for the BSA. We have operated well within our budget and yet have accomplished much. Architectural Show was a resounding success, netting a substantial income to the BSA. Credit is due to the able direction of Lowell Erickson and Richard Martini. The Book Store is growing and bursting its seams. Sarah Bollinger has done a superb job in increasing the inventory and expanding the market. We are now addressing the need for more space and a more public image and location.

This fall saw the inauguration of our new BSA Affiliate Membership Program. Bob Neiley's opening program, "Vanishing Boston" was an excellent kick-off for an exciting year's program of events. Lowell Erickson has put the Affiliate Membership Program together single handedly; however, the program needs membership support and participation to succeed. I believe that this new program is of extreme importance to the Society. Here is an opportunity to broaden our image within the community, and to inform and involve the public, with us, in issues of concern to the profession.

These three programs, Architectural Show, the Book Store, and the Affiliate Membership Program all serve to enhance the external image of the BSA and to create a broader understanding of Architecture and its role in our society.

I am very concerned over two major issues which have surfaced this year, and which can have a devastating effect on the profession. As you know, the State Office of Administration and Finance has commenced requiring sealed fee bid proposals from those finalist firms recommended by the Designer Selection Board to A&F for selection. This procedure is already a *fait accompli* for A&F; however, the BSA, working with MSAA, must continue and increase its efforts to reverse this decision. I am asking all members to seriously consider the consequences of this State policy decision and to actively assist the BSA and the MSAA in achieving its reversal.

The second issue of grave concern to the profession is the proposed 7½% sales tax on professional services. MASSACHUSETTS FAIR SHARE is pressing this proposal as a property tax relief measure, and is proposing it as a referendum issue on the 1980 ballot. Again the BSA and the MSAA are actively opposing this form of taxation through a joint committee headed by Earl Flansburgh; however, if this taxation is enacted, it will very seriously jeopardize the profession in Massachusetts. I am hereby alerting you, the membership, to the importance and the seriousness of both of these major issues. The committee will, in succeeding weeks, be asking every member to actively participate in an organized program to defeat these measures.

I believe that the BSA needs a standing Long-Range Planning Committee. This function is being partly fulfilled by the Space Search Committee and the Executive Committee, and the former Book Store Committee; yet, a continuing group charged with establishing and reviewing long-term goals, and reporting to the Board, is essential for orderly growth and change.

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Annual Meeting



Cathy Bryant Photo

Gavel Passes

John Clancy passes gavel to new President Marilyn Fraser.

President Clancy Reports
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The BSA should participate to a greater extent in influencing local issues which affect our built environment. To accomplish this, we must build our image so that our counsel is sought. Our Urban Design and Historic Resources Committees have made an excellent start; however, there is so much more we could be doing at all levels.

Closer liaison with, and inter-participation between, the BSA and the local schools of Architecture could enhance the programs of both the schools and the BSA. While we have excellent and dedicated representation, by the schools, on the Board of Directors, we have little contact or cross-fertilization between our membership and the student body.

Last but not least, the question of greater involvement in the BSA by the younger employed professional. The primary method of attracting their membership is to make the program and services offered by the BSA so vital and interesting to them that they want to participate. I believe we are progressing in this direction. A secondary method to attract their membership is to establish a program specifically geared to their interests and needs. Both avenues should be pursued.

Election Results

The following candidates have been elected to the positions indicated as a result of the ballots which were counted and announced at the Annual Meeting of the Society.

Vice President

Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA

Commissioner of Professional Practice

John F. Hayes AIA

Commissioner of Public Affairs

Fenton Hollander AIA

Directors at Large

Angus W. Crowe AIA

Stephen J. Friedlaender AIA

Charles F. Redmon AIA

Representatives to MSAA

Executive Committee

Terry Rankine FAIA

A. Anthony Tappe AIA

Honors and Awards Committee

James H. Crissman AIA

Paul Stevenson Oles AIA

Nominating Committee

John M. Clancy AIA

Maurice N. Finegold AIA

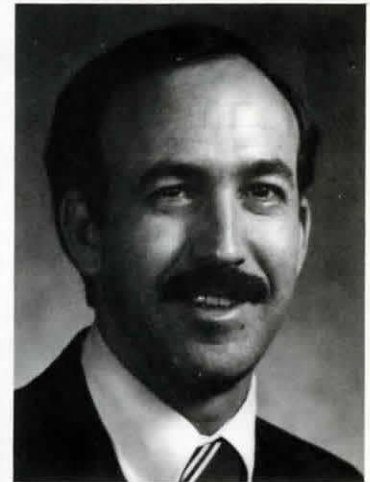
Membership Committee

Sebastian L. LaBella AIA

Kenneth F. DiNisco AIA

Ethics Committee

Richard W. White AIA



Sirulnik

Sirulnik Heads MSAA for 1980

The MSAA Annual Meeting elected Mark L. Sirulnik AIA of Springfield, President, Terry Rankine FAIA of Boston, Vice President, and Kendall P. Bates AIA of Boston, Secretary/Treasurer. A budget of \$21,284 with dues of \$34 per member was adopted. (MSAA dues are included in local chapter assessment.)

The MSAA Executive Committee is made up of the following members:

From BSA

Kendall P. Bates AIA (Sec./Tr.)

Marilyn Fraser AIA

Terry Rankine FAIA (V.P.)

A. Anthony Tappe AIA

From Central Mass.

D. Keith Chenot AIA

Lloyd Hixon AIA

Peter Panagore AIA

From Western Mass.

Charles Schmitt AIA

William N. Simons AIA

Mark L. Sirulnik AIA (Pres.)

News from the Chapter Office

Trustees Invite Gifts and Bequests

The Trustees of the Boston Society of Architects Charitable Foundation want the membership to be aware of the Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation as set forth in the Declaration of Trust is (in part) ... "To encourage, promote, support and engage in such charitable, scientific and educational endeavors as the Trustees shall determine to be related to or beneficial to the practice of architecture."

The present Trustees are Sherman Morss FAIA, Peter Steffian AIA, and Robert Sturgis FAIA.

The current assets of the Foundation as of September 30th are \$67,305.00. The primary use of the income is to provide an annual scholarship to a student at the Boston Architectural Center. However, there is included within the Declaration of Trust the "J. Robert Wolf, Jr. Fund." The purpose of this Fund shall be to provide grants to persons or projects in the area of visual and environmental education of the young. This past summer the Board of Directors on the recommendation of the Trustees voted \$2,500 to the Children's Museum to aid in the completion of their 'City Slice' exhibit at the new Congress Street Wharf Building.

We hope you will remember the Fund in your will. Anyone wishing to establish a specific program such as an annual learned lecture, symposium or any other program is invited to do so. Gifts are also tax deductible.

The following language is suggested:

Unrestricted Gift:

"I give to the Boston Society of Architects Charitable Foundation the sum of \$_____ for its general charitable purposes."

Gift to a Named Fund:

"I give to the Boston Society of Architects Charitable Foundation the sum of \$_____ to be added to and used for the purposes of the _____ Fund."

Membership

New Members

John Chouteau Dyer AIA
Peter D. McManmon AIA
Peter Fredric Smith AIA
Joan Wood AIA

Report on Competitive Bidding at BBC

The advent of competitive bidding for public work through the Bureau of Building Construction has raised the question of how are the fees being bid.

This is public information and in response to many requests we are publishing the bids of the last two solicitations of BBC. The firm selected is underlined.

Title/Location	DSB Recommended		Firms Recommended by DSB	Bid
	Fee			
Renovations to a facility for the Mentally Retarded Charles V. Hogan Regional Center, Danvers	8%		Imre & Anthony Halasz, Inc. Hammer Keefer & Todd, Inc. <u>Peirce, Pierce & Kramer/Architects</u>	8% 6.5% 6.5%
Upgrading Primary Electrical Distribution & Fire Alarm Loop Systems W.E. Fernald State School, Waltham	7.5%		Shooshanian Engineering <u>Johnson & Stover, Inc.</u> Engineers, Inc.	9.0% 6.9% 7.5%
Life Safety Renovations & Misc. Upgrading of Facilities, Paul A. Dever State School, Taunton	10%		Hurwitz/Diamond & Assoc. Huygens and Tappe, Inc. Medical Facilities Planning Assoc., Inc.	9.44% 10% 10%
Upgrading of Power Plant & H & V Systems, Mass. Mental Health Center, Boston	10%		B R & A Consulting Engrs., Inc. Fitzmeyer & Tocci, Inc. Leo Zetlin Assoc., Inc.	8.85% 9.5% 10%
Renovations to Provide Facilities for the Physically Handicapped, Westboro State Hospital	12%		Dingman-Fauteux Grazado Velleco Architects <u>Putnam & Associates</u>	10% 8% 8.75%
Fire Protection Improvements, Soldiers Home in Mass., Chelsea	8%		Frank E. Gallagher Engineers, Inc. Helden Associates, Inc. Samuel Ussia & Assoc., Inc.	11% 8% 8%
Training & Activities Building, W.E. Fernald State School, Waltham	8%		Hill Miller Friedlaender <u>Hollander, Inc.</u> Kubitz & Pepi Architects, Inc. Wallace, Floyd, Ellerzweig, Moore, Inc.	7.7% 7.8% 7.9%
Energy Conservation Modifications Salem State College	12%		Fitzmeyer & Tocci, Inc. Greenleaf Engineers, Inc. McCarran, Hugnagle & Vegkley Assoc., Inc.	— 11.1% —
Energy Conservation Modifications Bridgewater State College	12%		Anderson Nichols & Co., Inc. B R & A Consulting Engrs., Inc. R.G. Vanderweil Engrs., Inc.	12% 10% —
Demolition of the Willows Group Grafton State Hospital	10%		Dingman-Fauteux, Architects Walter Eric Kluz Assoc. Schoenfeld Associates, Inc.	9% 9.5% 10%
Renovations and Improvements to Provide State Offices, Pittsfield	12%		Bradley Architects, Inc. <u>The Gillen Partnership</u> Ruth, Shives and Williams	12% 10.5% 10.7%

News from the Chapter Office

Calendar

December 5

"Architectural Heritage of the South End" (Affiliate Membership Program). 5:30 p.m., BAC.

December 6

Housing Committee Open Meeting. 12:00 noon, BAC.

December 16-21

5th World Congress of Engineers and Architects in Israel

January 1

Deadline for Preservation Award Nominations

Chair Available

Arizona State University is seeking a Chairman for the Department of Architecture. Applicants should possess a first professional degree and national or state registration. The individual should also possess a reputation of national or international stature in some aspect of architectural practice and academic administration. In addition to providing stimulus and direction to establish departmental teaching, research, and service activities, the Chairman will also be expected to teach at least one course in his/her specialty.

The position begins on July 1, 1980. All applicants must submit the following credentials before January 15, 1980: curriculum vitae, portfolio, letters of recommendation from three sources (to be sent directly to the Search Committee), and a personal photo. Submit to: Professor John R. Rummell AIA, Chair, Search Committee, Department of Architecture, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona 85281.



McCue

Gerald M. McCue FAIA New Dean of HGSD

Gerald M. McCue FAIA, Chairman of the Department of Architecture and Associate Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, will succeed Maurice D. Kilbridge as Dean of the Faculty of Design next July.

Prior to his present positions, McCue served as a faculty member and chairman of the Department of Architecture at the University of California at Berkeley. During this period, he was in professional practice in the San Francisco region in the firm he founded, now called MBT Associates.

McCue is currently a member of the BSA Board of Directors.

Housing Committee Open Meeting

The Housing Committee of the Boston Society of Architects is conducting an open meeting of its Committee. Chairman Harvey Montague AIA would like to encourage persons interested in housing and wanting to work with and join the Committee to attend. Issues this year are energy and housing development patterns in the cities and suburbs.

The meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 6, 1979 at the Boston Architectural Center. Guest speaker will be Vincent Chircosta, Chief Architect of the Boston area office of H.U.D. Please call the Chapter office (267-5175) on Wednesday, December 5th if you would like to order lunch.

Jobs Available

The Designer Selection Board is attempting to reach qualified architects and engineers to perform feasibility studies, programming and cost analysis study projects for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Bureau of Building Construction. In addition, the DSB is also seeking applicants for a standing list of consultants who indicate a willingness to design Bureau of Building Construction projects which have an estimated construction cost of \$100,000 or less. If interested, please write to: Designer Selection Board, Executive Office for Administration and Finance, State House, Boston 02133.

Affiliate Membership Program

December 5, 1979

Architectural Heritage of the South End

Slide Illustrations
JAMES ALEXANDER AIA
Anderson Notter Finegold, Inc.
Boston

Instead of talking about the "New South End" or the political/sociological aspects of the South End, Jim Alexander, immediate past President of the South End Historical Society, will talk about the architecture of this part of the city. It was primarily architects who "discovered" the South End in the early 1960s and who were instrumental in the restoration and renewal process.

The lecture will be held at the Boston Architectural Center, 320 Newbury Street. All BSA members are invited to attend. *Please note change of time: 5:30 p.m.*

Reminder

Any firms which have not picked up their entries for either the Housing or NERC Awards programs should do so before the end of December; otherwise they will be discarded.